



26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024 – 10:00 am

New Hope Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Our mission: Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering: *Seek Him in a Quiet Place*

Lani Smith

Words of Welcome

Prelude: *Reflection (on Kremser 1877)*

Eduard Kremser/ arr. David Lasky

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world. **C: Amen.**

L: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin. *(a brief silence is kept for reflection)*

L: God and Father of all,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: We Praise You, O God

ELW #870

1. We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

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Glory to You, God

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1. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the promise, the blessing the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
2. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
3. Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day... **C: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 16

L: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

L: But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

L: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

L: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

L: You will show me the path of life;

C: in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

2nd Reading: 10:11-14, 19-25

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8
L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Pastor Tammy Bull

Sermon

Ron Coons

Hymn of the Day: When It Seems the Day will End

ACS #1034

1. When it seems the day will end, and all light gives way to fear,
We will speak your name again to remind us you are here.

REFRAIN: New life rising, (new life rising,) ashes falling, (ashes falling,)
joy and weeping, (joy and weeping,) in your calling. (in your calling.)

2. When it seems the day will end, sinking low under our skin,
We are dead and born again, and with you now enter in. (refrain)

3. When it seems the day will end, and a coldness fills our bones,
We will walk the way you've been, and our hearts will be your home. (refrain)

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we confess our faith using the words of the
Apostles' Creed ACS p. 17

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the
right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Prayers of the People (petitions end: "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

The Offering *(At this time, we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy! In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. One way we do this is by intentionally consecrating (or setting apart for holy use) a portion of the many blessings we receive from God. We appreciate all gifts of time, energy, money, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today – either on person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)*

Offertory: Of Thanks

Kremser/arr. Phil Lehenbauer

Offering Response: Let Justice Flow Like Streams (v. 2 only)

ELW #717

2. Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
An ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

Offertory Prayer: C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

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Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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Alleluia.

Hymn during Communion: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

ELW #490

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending comes full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way;
As the Light of light, descending from the realms of endless day,
Comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.
4. At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

L: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us,
and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: Almighty and merciful God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **C: Amen.**

1. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless;
Guide us by your hand to the promised land.
2. If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us;
Safely past the foe to our home we go.
3. When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
4. Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand in the promised land.

L: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *I'm Gonna Sing*

Andre J. Thomas/ arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Gaynell Tempel

Fellowship: Holly & Greg Hesper

Communion Asst.: Ron Coons

Reader: Holly Hesper

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Announcements for Week of November 17:

- **TODAY** – Executive team meets after worship in the Library
- Tuesday – Church Council meets at 7 pm in the Library
- Confirmation – Wednesday at 2:30 pm in the Library
- Word on Wednesday (WOW!) meets from 6-7 pm on Wed. in the Social Hall
- GF Community Jazz Band rehearses in the sanctuary at 7 pm on Wed.
- R.O.M.E.O. men’s lunch group meets Thursday at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room
- GF Community Band rehearses Thurs. at 7 pm in the sanctuary
- Helping Hands Board meeting meets Friday at 6:30 pm at Helping Hands

SAVE THE DATE:

- **November 24th** is the deadline for Christmas Giving Tree gifts. We’ll use these gifts to assist needy families at Giant Springs and Sunnyside elementary schools for Christmas.
- **Friday, Nov. 22nd** – 7 pm – GF Community Jazz Band fall concert at New Hope.
- **Sunday, Nov. 24th** – 2 pm – GF Community Band fall concert at New Hope.
- **Sunday, December 1 – Special Meeting of the Congregation** at 11:15 am following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to authorize proposed upgrades to flooring on the main level of the church building and replace the pews in the sanctuary with pew chairs. To vote at this meeting, you must be a current member of New Hope Lutheran Church on record as having attended and financially supported the ministry during the past year.

THANK YOU... to Ron Coons for offering the sermon today! Ron is a student in the Lay Ministry Associate program of the Montana Synod.

THANK YOU... to the Congregational Life team for hosting the Family Game Night on Nov. 8th ! If you weren’t able to join us, we’ll have another one on Fri., Dec. 13th !

Keeping in Prayer... Jim; Sue; Mark & Sherry; Dee; Lois & Frank; Rebecca; Danny; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Rachelle; Ace; Arvin; Elizabeth & John; Hy & Becky; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Don & Donna; Sandy; Noah; Dorothy; Toni; Steven; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.